GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1549
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of 10 pc budgetary provisions made for implementation of Railways projects in the NER in terms of the Prime Minister's announcement under special initiative for the North East region 1996;

(b) the percentage of such allocation made each year in terms of total Railway Budget showing actual share allocated from each of the special Railway safety fund, internal generation, CRF and budgetary support from general exchequer; and

(c) the present status of the projects declared under the above special initiative?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1549 BY DR.ARUN KUMAR SARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NER.

(a) : The budgetary support for Railways, budget provision made for North Eastern (NE) region and actual expenditure incurred so far by the Railways since 1996 onwards is as under :-

(figures in crores of rupees)

Year	Budgetary support to the Railways	Allotment made for NE region	Expenditure incurred
1996-97	1269	151	197
1997-98	1831	338	236
1998-99	2200	206	207
1999-00	2540	258	264
2000-01	3191	288	291
2001-02	3440	218	272 #
2002-03	4040	385	441
2003-04	3814	365	483 (RE##)
2004-05	3649	367	-

Revised Estimate
Apart from this expenditure of Rs.40 cr was incurred against project specific allotment given during the year. From 2000-01 onwards, the Budgetary Support is excluding the specific allocation made to Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line project, which is a National Project, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd, externally aided projects, contribution to Special Railway Safety Fund, inflows from diesel cess etc.

(b) : As per the decision of the Government, the Ministries have to set apart 10% funds from the Budgetary Support of their respective annual Budgets for the development of North Eastern region. Other funds which are generated by the Railways from their internal resources do not come under this purview as they are need based as per the Railway's operational requirements and therefore are work specific.

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(c): The details of ongoing projects lying partly/fully in the North Eastern region are given as under :-

(figures in crores of rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Anticipated cost	Expenditure upto March 2004	Outlay during 2004-05	Present position of the project/ action taken
1.	Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and North Bank line (new line)(46 km)	1767.36	156.31	60.00	Final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition, work on major bridges, minor bridges and earthwork for rail link on south bank and boulder collection are in progress.
2.	Harmuti-Itanagar (new line) (33 km)	156.00	0.04	2.00	State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh requested on 16.12.2000 to keep the alignment from Bedeti to Itanagar (45 km) instead of Harmuti- Itanagar & Halem-Itanagar. Survey for this changed alignment is in progress.
3.	Dudhnoi-Depa (new line) (15.5 km)	22.33	0.50	0.01	Land acquisition papers were submitted to State Government in July,97. However, Meghalaya Government has not made available the land so far due to resistance from local people regarding Depa Station site. Work on this project would be taken up only after the land becomes available.
4.	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa (new line)- (245 km)	733.00	33.97	42.00	Final location survey from New Maynaguri to Jogighopa has been completed. Earthwork for widening of bank for gauge conversion portion from Maynaguri Road to Changrabandha (19 km) is in progress.
5.	Katakhal-Bairabhi (gauge conversion) - (84 km)	88.70	0	1.00	The work would be taken up once Lumding-Silchar is in advance stage of completion.
6.	Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fingers, Haibargaon-Mairabari (44.8kms) and Senchoa jn.-Silghat Town (61.85 kms)- (gauge conversion) -(734.65 kms)	882.11	746.04	1.00	Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fingers completed and commissioned. Gauge conversion of Haibargaon to Mairabari (44.8 km) and Senchoa Jn. to Silghat Town (61.85 km) have been included in the scope of Lumding-Dibrugarh gauge conversion project. Detailed estimate is under process.
7.	Lumding-Silchar including alignment between Migrendisa-Dittockchera and extension from Badarpur to Bhariagram-(gauge conversion) - (292 km)	1496.42	264.74	70.00	Final location survey completed. Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress in 163.4 km between Lumding and Silchar
8.	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines (gauge conversion) - (419.48 km)	820.00	596.49	30.00	The section from New Jalpaiguri to Samaktula Road (198 km) has been completed and commissioned for passenger traffic on 20.11.03.

	Section from Samaktula Road-Jorai (18 km) has also been completed. The section upto Bongaigaon is targeted for completion during 2004-05. On branch lines from Alipurduar to Bamanhat and Fakiragram to Dhubri, earthwork & bridge works are in progress.				
9.	Rangia-Murkong selek alongwith linked fingers (gauge conversion) - (510.33 kms)	915.70	0.01	3.00	New work included in the Supplementary budget 2003-04. Preparation of plans and estimates has been taken up.
10.	Kumarghat-Agartala	700.00	343.89	80.00	Kumarghat-Manu (21 km) section completed and commissioned on 27.12.2000. Earthwork, bridge works, tunneling in remaining length is in progress.
11.	Jiribam-Imphal	725.56	0	3.00	Final Location Survey is being taken up.